

**RHODE ISLAND INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS  
AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program  
Priorities for Funding  
2001**

The goal of the Continuum of Care is to prevent and end homelessness by providing the full range of needed housing options and supportive services. Permanent, affordable housing is the number one priority of the Rhode Island Continuum of Care; although permanent housing for non disabled populations is not an eligible use of federal homeless assistance funds.

The following list identifies areas of need for additional resources, and prioritizes these. Priority is designated by High (H), Medium (M) or Low (L), and not by the order in which the need is described. Priority has been determined by taking into account alternative resources that should be available to meet the need. Therefore, a low priority does not necessarily indicate that the need for this activity is low, but may instead reflect that there are other resources available to address this gap.

**1. ADDITIONAL PERMANENT HOUSING (Not an eligible activity under the Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, or SRO Mod Rehab Programs).**

H- Permanent, subsidized housing for all low income, at risk populations

**2. ADDITIONAL PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVING HOMELESS POPULATIONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND/OR MULTIPLE PROBLEMS**

H- 2-1) Specialized permanent housing able to serve homeless populations with special needs, including:

- Persons with chronic health issues
- Persons who are dually diagnosed
- Persons with mental illness who are not eligible for Community Support Program (CSP) services
- Persons with substance addictions
- Veterans

H- 2-2) Permanent Housing for homeless single individuals

M- 2-3) Specialized permanent housing for:

- Homeless persons with criminal records
- Persons with severe and persistent mental illness eligible for Community Support Program (CSP) services.

- L- 2-4) Specialized permanent housing for persons with HIV/AIDS

### **3. ADDITIONAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**

- H- 3-1) Specialized Transitional Housing to serve homeless populations with special needs, including:
- Persons with chronic health issues
  - Persons with substance addictions
  - Persons with mental illness who are not eligible for Community Support Program (CSP) services
  - Persons who are dually diagnosed
- H- 3-2) Respite Care facility for the homeless
- M- 3-3) Transitional Housing for homeless:
- Veterans
  - Families
  - Domestic Violence Victims
  - Persons with HIV/AIDS
  - Families in need of reunification services
  - Persons recently released from prison

### **4. ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

- H- 4-1) Case management in transitional/permanent housing to provide advocacy on behalf of clients, coordination and access to services.
- H- 4-2) Specialized Services for homeless persons who are:
- Long term, chronically homeless
  - Single individuals
  - Persons who are dually diagnosed
  - Persons with substance addictions
  - Persons with mental illness who are not Community Support Program (CSP) eligible
- Specialized services include substance abuse treatment, respite care, mental health treatment, and health care services.
- H- 4-3) Supportive services for single adults:
- Employment services
  - Educational services

- H- 4-4) Transportation of Individuals and Families in the Continuum of Care system
- H- 4-5) Child care during non-traditional hours (evenings, nights, and weekends).
- M- 4-6) Specialized services (substance abuse treatment, respite care, mental health treatment, and health care services) for homeless:
  - Families
  - Veterans
- M- 4-7) The following supportive services for homeless families:
  - Life skills
  - Daytime activities for children
- L- 4-8) The following supportive services for homeless families:
  - Employment services
  - Education services
  - Child Care

## **5. ADDITIONAL OUTREACH, INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES**

- H- 5-1) Improved coordination of and information sharing regarding intake and assessment services
- M- 5-2) Outreach to the adult street homeless population
- L- 5-3) Outreach to runaway and homeless youth
- L- 5-4) Transportation of individuals to emergency shelters or facilities where they can be housed/served (Note: An improved transportation system could meet this and the supportive service transportation needs noted under 4-4).

## **6. ADDITIONAL PREVENTION ACTIVITIES (These activities are not eligible for funding under the Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, or SRO Mod Rehab Programs )**

- H- 6-1) Increased emergency mortgage, rental, and utility assistance funds
- M- 6-2) Aggressive services to at risk individuals and families to teach skills and provide information that will prevent homelessness. Examples include:
  - Case management for tenants at their residences
  - Centralized housing services
  - Centralized employment services
  - Veterans services
- L- 6-3) Multi-lingual information and resources

**7. ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY SHELTER (This activity is not eligible for funding under the Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, or SRO Mod Rehab Programs)**

L- 7-1) Additional shelter beds for:

- Families
- Individuals
- Veterans

L- 7-2) Specialized emergency shelters able to serve populations with special needs, including:

- Persons with substance addictions
- Persons with mental illness/mental health problems
- Persons with chronic health issues
- Persons with dual diagnosis
- Persons with HIV/AIDS